

"Has he made an offer?"
"O, yes! he has offered a certificate for a long lease of the Academy—seven years, but his offer will not be accepted. I am just writing to him to that effect," Mr. Thurber said.
"If Mr. Mapleson comes, he will have plenty of room for his season of Italian opera, despite Mrs. Thurber's American Opera House," said Mr. Murphy. "Her season does not begin until January 4. Mr. Mapleson can start in late October and continue until the first of next week. Just in time to give Mrs. Thurber the best of both worlds. He will be a great success. He has the best of friends, and understands each other. Mr. Mapleson has been given the terms of the directors. He has agreed to be a season manager, and he has to do it as a season manager announcing his acceptance."